(b) if so, names of the companies and when each company filed petition;

(c) what is the names of drug and formulation involved in each case;

(d) what was the price fixed by each company and what price was charged by each company; and

(e) what is the present Status of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Soonafter the promulgation of DPCO 1979 and fixation of prices of various bulk drugs thereunder, in 1981. Writ Petitions against the prices thus fixed were filed by M/s. Hoechst, M/s. Gyanamid, Mls. Pfizer, Mls. John Wyeth, M/s. Merind, Mls. S. G. Pharmaceuticals and M/s. Glaxo in the Delhi High Court, and M/s. Sandoz, Mls. Abbott, M/S. Pfizer and Mls. Parke Davis (and Warner Hindustan) in the Bombay High Court. Recently, Writ Petitions were also filed by M/s. Burroughs Welleome & M/s. Nicholas in the Bombay High Court. Relevant information about the drugs involved, the period of recovery, the tentative liability of these Ctmpanies and the recovery made so far has already been given in reply to a number of Questions, for instance. Unstarred Question No, 670 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 28.11.91.

Increasing the price of Arnpicillin Trihydrate

3105. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 678 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of Ampicillin Trihydrate has been increased;

(b) if so, what is the extent of increase;

(c) whether it is also a fact that price of Ampicillin Anhydrous and several other drugs have been kept pending;

(d) if so, what are the names of drugs for which price increase has been applied during the last two years upto 30th November, 1991 for which the price increase is still to be allowed;

(e) whether it is a fact that price fixation and implementation is done by the same set of officers;

(f) if so, the details thereof and what is the composition; and

(g) what are the names of direct and indirect inputs used for the production of Ampicillin Trihydrate for which duty concession was allowed and what is the percentage of concession in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The price of Ampicillin Trihydrate has been increased from Rs. 1925/- per kg. to Rs. 2215]- per kg.

(c) and (d) The price revision/fixation is an on-going process. Whenever any representation for price revision is received, after getting the requisite cost data/information and supporting documents from the producers of bulk drugs, the prices are revised in consultation with the BDP which are notified in the Gazette of India from time to time.

(e) and (f) The prices of bulk drugs are fixed as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 on the basis of cost-cum-technical Studies conducted by BICP and further examination by the Ministry.

(g) The names of inputs used for the production of Ampicillin Trihydrate for which duty concession was allowed were given in the reply to Rajya Sabha UnStarred Question No. 678 dated 5th September, 1991. The customs duty on these items has been reduced to 95 percent.